

Pre-Aliyah Checklist

55 TIPS AND RESOURCES

FOR OLIM AND ANGLOS

LIVING IN ISRAEL

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Pre-Aliyah Tips:

- Contact NBN (if applicable) or the Jewish Agency in your area and go through the process of filling out the paperwork for Aliyah. (Make copies of all the paperwork- take all originals on the plane with you.)
- Ask the Jewish Agency and or NBN representative which paperwork needs to be notarized and apostilled.
- Ask which diplomas/certificates need to be translated and do so by an approved translator.
- Schedule an appointment to meet with the Jewish Agency.
- Get written quotes from different shipping companies.
- Make inquiries into making Aliyah with your pet. See the Nefesh B Nefesh information: <http://www.nbn.org.il/aliyahpedia/aliyah-process/aliyah-processing-flight-logistics/making-aliyah-with-pets/>
- Plan a pilot trip if possible. (This is a very important step to help decide which community to live in, network with peers for possible jobs, see available real estate and more).
- Renew current passport.
- Renew current driver's license if possible.

- Make copies of all medical and dental records (make copies of all children's vaccine records).
- Make arrangements to have your mail stopped and or forwarded to a new address.
- Cancel all utilities (water, gas, electricity, phone, mobile phone, cable).
- Arrange for Global Access credit card (many banks offer cards with no fees for charges made Overseas).
- Let your bank know you are moving so the card isn't blocked if you make charges Overseas.
- Let all credit card companies know you are moving and either cancel the cards or keep a select few that can be used Overseas.
- Get all paperwork in order (life insurance, will, power of attorney if needed).
- Finalize where you will stay when you make Aliyah. You need an address in Israel where you will first be staying in order to get your Aliyah approved by the Jewish Agency.
- Order a sim for your cell phone before getting to Israel. There are brokers that will mail a sim to your home

- Meet with a local accountant who is familiar with clients living Overseas and learn about taxes and other matters that may change due to Aliyah.
- Apply for an Aliyah visa through the Jewish Agency.
- Get approval for a flight.
- Buy a 6 months' supply of prescription medicine (find a doctor in your area soon after Aliyah so you will not be left without prescribed medication).
- Bring over the counter medicines that you use often (children's Tylenol and Motrin, Adult IBProfin, Tylenol, etc).
- Work on Hebrew (there are online Ulpanim and other resources available).
- Upgrade your electronics (i.e. cell phones, laptops, PCs) if they're old. These electronics are expensive in Israel
- Decide what belongings you're taking with you (i.e. clothes, furniture, appliances, toys, etc.) Organize a yard sale and sell as much of your unwanted things as possible.
- If you're leasing a car and the lease is not up, find a dealership or individual who will take over you lease

- Decide how you are going to get around for the first few weeks/months (rent a car, lease or buy a car, public transportation)

- It may be cheaper to buy a second hand car that has relatively low mileage and is only a few years old, than buying a new car using Oleh rights- Yad 2 is a good website to research a particular car model and the pricing according to the model year.

- Start doing research about job opportunities. While most Israeli companies will not consider hiring you until you arrive in Israel, you can shorten the time it will take you to find a job by doing the research before you arrive in Israel

- Join the various Facebook groups that were created to help Olim (i.e. Nefesh B'Nefesh Community, Living Financially Smarter in Israel, Anglos in Israel, Jobs Tel Aviv International, etc.)

Post-Aliyah Tips:

- Open an Israeli bank account (bring temporary TZ, Teudat Oleh, passports, SS number, form from the airport).

- Make an appointment with Misrad Haklita (Ministry of Absorption) to receive your Sal Klita and Ulpan vouchers (bring all bank documents).

- Register for Ulpan.

- Register with the health insurance that you picked (Maccabi, Leumit, Clalit or Meuchedet). There are different levels of healthcare coverage. (prices and description of each coverage will be given at the healthcare office).
- Make an appointment to get a biometric TZ and Israeli passport (might need to be done at different times).
- Registration for schools is around January 1. Don't miss registering your kids for gan or school for the next year
- If your child or children need special assistance, ask the ganenet or mechanet (main teacher) what services are offered and what the process is for getting an evaluation.
- Many schools offer a ""book project"". It's a way to order most of the school books in a cheaper and more organized way. Saves a ton of time and money. Ask the school secretary about it.
- Convert driver's license to Israeli license.
- Switch Arnona (municipal tax) into your name and apply for the Oleh discount.
- When you move into a new rental, make sure to take a picture right away of all the utility gauges- water gas and electricity. Then call each company and switch to your name and make sure all previous bills have been paid.
- Find out about rent subsidy (given 9 months after Aliyah)

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- ❑ Go to Bituach Leumi (Israeli Social Security office) - to fill out papers for children's savings program and/or to receive any other assistance that you may be eligible for.

- ❑ Plan a few tiyulim (trips) once you're settled. Go out and experience all the beauty the country has to offer.

- ❑ The reduced cost of getting a new Israeli passport and/or renewing a passport is from November 1- February 28th. As of March 1st, the prices go up. (As long as you pay by end of February you get the reduced rate, even if your appointment is later than that. If you pay online it is significantly cheaper than paying at the office. You need to fill out one form per person. This is the link for payment: <https://forms.gov.il/globaldata/getsequence/getHtmlForm.aspx?formtype=biopassport@piba.gov.il>

- ❑ Please be advised that Highway 6 (blue sign) is a toll road. There are cameras all along the road and pictures of license plates are taken and bills are sent home. Highway 6 goes from Yokneam down to Beer Sheva. It stretches 170 kilometers from the Northern En Tut Interchange to The Southern Ma'ahaz Interchange (of which 35 km stretch south of the Soreq). If you plan to use this road often, you can get a "paskal" equivalent to an EZ PASS. The use of the highway with a paskal is 40% cheaper than without a paskal. For more information see the Kvish 6 website <https://www.kvish6.co.il/ArticleLangs.aspx?Id=1&LangTypeId=1>

- ❑ Like the US, many Israeli stores now have end of season sales and offer substantial discounts both online and in stores.
- ❑ Follow prices in supermarkets. Many offer sales mid-week that during which you can buy products at substantially lower prices.
- ❑ Keep track of contracts like cell phones and internet. Many times after a year the price will go up automatically. Watch the bills and if the monthly rate goes up, call your service and negotiate a better rate. As a last resort, threaten to switch to another carrier. Most companies will then lower their rates.
- ❑ The electric company says using appliances like the washing machine is cheaper in the evening than during the day.
- ❑ It's highly recommended to be in touch consistently with all your children's teachers and gananot (nursery school teachers). The teachers then naturally pay more attention to your child and you can have a good sense of how they are doing in school. It also shows the kids that there is a strong communication between home and school.
- ❑ Israelis really are like sabras- tough and prickly on the outside but warm and sweet on the inside. Often speaking politely and going to the right person can get rules "bent" in your favor. "No" usually does not really mean "no". Keep asking politely and insistently and many times you will get what you are looking for.

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Israeli Resources And Contact Information

Emergency contact information

Police 100	Ambulance/MADA 101	Fire 102	Electric Company 103
The Home Front Command 104	Emergency Services 112	Bezeq 118	Ministry of Health (Corona Hotline) *5400
Yedidim – 24/6 roadside assistance (volunteers) – 053-3131310			
24 Hour Poison Control Hotline at Rambam Hospital 04-7771900			

Kupot Cholim (HMOs)

	Clalit	Maccabi	Leumit	Meuchedet
Number	*2700	*3555	*507	*3833
WhatsApp Info group	https://chat.whatsapp.com/GLuSJsKJwLp1RdHiYkt13L	https://chat.whatsapp.com/BcbQmwQYjp0FAOjb5qqKEC	https://chat.whatsapp.com/KexzMZJSuiGKr3lt5Vuf6H	https://chat.whatsapp.com/EYLNh8QWr8HeimedEzqmL
The Shira Pransky Project helps English-speaking Israeli Olim navigate the Israeli health system https://shirapranskyproject.org				

Social Services

24 Hour Crisis Line 118	Emotional Crisis Hotline 1201 (ERAN)	Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse 1202 – Women 1203 – Men
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Violence Hotline for Students 1204	Family Violence 1-800-220-000	Israel Assoc. for Child Protection (ELI) 1-800-223-966
Disaster Victim Identification 1220 (ZAKA)	Student Hotline 1-800-222-003	Listening Ear for Children 03-620-4999 (Yad B'Yad Association)

Government offices

Nefesh B'Nefesh list	https://www.nbn.org.il/directory
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Other

Olim Advisors Facebook group for Olim and Anglos	https://www.facebook.com/groups/anglosupportnetworkinIsrael
Assistance for the Elderly	https://www.myparents.co.il/
State Comptroller (deal with complaints)	https://www.mevaker.gov.il/En/About/Pages/MevakerTafkid.aspx
Telfed (support for Olim from South Africa, Australia and New Zealand)	www.Telfed.org.il
National Parks	https://www.parks.org.il/en/
Kvish 6 (Toll road)	https://www.kvish6.co.il/ArticleLangs.aspx?Id=1&LangTypeld=1